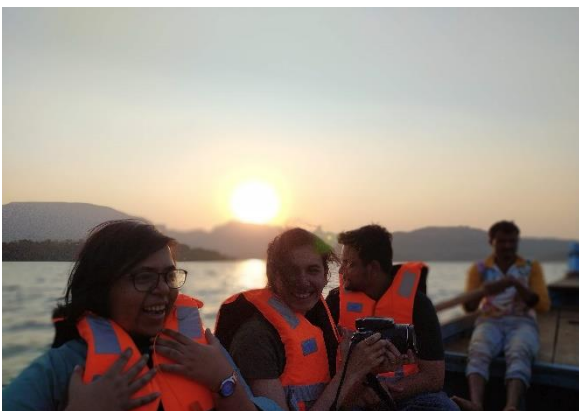


# Dutt and Shilpee lab Newsletter

## March 2020



# A Trip to Bhandardara



# Stars born in this month



# Creative Corner

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दिन होते ही सोचते हैं कि शाम हो  
पर कौन ही चाहेगा रात को, गर सवेरा ना हो

पेड़ हरा है फिर भी वीरान है वो  
गर उसपे परिंदों का, बसेरा ना हो

मिट ही जाता दुनिया से, खौफ-ए-तर्क-ए-मुहब्बत  
गर हर कोई बावफा हो, कोई बेवफा ना हो

हो जाता निजाम इस दुनिया का दरहम बरहम  
गर हर दुआ बा-असर हो, कुछ बे-असर ना हो

तू मिटा दे मेरी हस्ती को उसी दिन या रब  
जब इसमें बसने लगे सिर्फ दुनिया, और खौफ तेरा ना हो

कभी कभी तन्हाई में सोचता हूँ मैं ऐ "शाद"  
कौन शुक्रगुजार होगा उजाले का, अगर अंधेरा ना हो

– Suhail Ahmad "Shaad"



खौफ-ए-तर्क-ए-मुहब्बत = जुदाई का डर  
बावफा = वफादार

दरहम बरहम = अस्त-व्यस्त ( Helter skelter)

बा-असर = दुआ जिसमे असर हो

By :- Suhail Ahmad

### ***General Facts***

1. By birth, my name is: Aniket Sawant
2. Pals call me: Percy / Aniket
3. I was born on: 03/08/1995
4. My childhood was spent at: Mumbai

### ***Personal Life***

1. Can you describe any one ever-lasting memory about your childhood?

There are many actually, most of them embarrassing. I would like to share one (because I still find this one funny)

When I was 7 years or so, I loved to eat ice from the frosted compartment of single door refrigerator and my mother used to scold me for that. On this particular day, I remember my cousin coming to our place, and me having the ice using my hands. My mother checked my hands (if they were cold/wet) and scolded me in front of him. Since she checked my hands, the next time I felt like having ice, I tried to eat the ice directly using my teeth by shaving off the frost from the compartment. The first time, I successfully avoided getting caught. By this time, I would like to accept that I was really naïve and didn't really think much of the consequences at the time. The next time I tried to eat the frost using my teeth, my lips got stuck to the frosted compartment (because of the cold) and I couldn't pull myself out. I called for help, and by the time my cousin and parents came to my rescue I had already started bleeding. To this time, whenever I see a single door refrigerator, I remember the day. (I never tried it again though)

2. How was your college life? And, what did you enjoy the most?

I pursued my Bachelors in Microbiology from R. Ruia College, Matunga. My college life was pretty cool, but my schedule mostly consisted of being in the department from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thus, most of my memories of my BSc days are related to my batch and our department. It was really fun though, especially during college festival days.

The most happening part of my life was perhaps, my time in Pune for my Masters. It was the first time I was truly away from my place, without any real adult supervision. I made some really cool friends in Pune, both in my department and outside the department. I spent my junior year with my seniors and they were the ones who truly inspired me to learn coding. We used to have small in-house coding competitions, go out for dinner almost every alternate day and play a lot.

In my senior year, we used to have online gaming sessions with our junior batch, go out for dinner and in the after-hours, hangout with my friends from different departments. I learnt to play basketball and volleyball during my time in Pune (though I am not really good at it). Just thinking about my time in Pune makes me nostalgic.

3. As a child/teenager, what did you aspire to become in life? Any reasons associated with it?

To be honest, I always had a fascination for a lot of professions. There was a time when I really wanted to be a doctor (clinician), but my interest gradually declined. Then, I wanted to be an archeologist and/or historian since I am really interested in Greek/ Roman/ Egyptian/ Hindu history and mythologies. The stories are real fun and I still am really interested in these topics; sometimes spouting random facts originating from this knowledge. There used to be a phase before my Masters when I wanted to pursue civil services as well but I

never took it up seriously. Perhaps that was over-riden by my love for coding and research (developed in my Masters). Thus, my aspirations have always changed.

These days, I aspire to be like a certain senior of mine (probably a mix of all seniors) and be inspiring enough for the younger generation.

4. Would you like to state a person or an event that has inspired/influenced your life?

That is really a difficult question to answer. I have always wanted to take up certain qualities from people around me. I guess, this affects my behavior with others and I usually get pinned as moody.

Apart from my parents and teachers, I would particularly like to mention a senior from my Masters days, Mr. Datta. Datta was from Buldhana district, Maharashtra. One day, we were having coffee as usual. I think it was his treat for clearing BINC and getting into PhD programme. I asked him about his plans with the salary, and his response was that he was going to buy a water filter for his family. I was really confused at that time, but he explained that the water at his native place was not fit for drinking because of which most people from over there suffered from kidney disorders. The answer was completely unexpected and was probably the first time I was dumbfounded from someone's answer to such a trivial question. From that day, I keep on reminding myself that my problems are really nothing compared to those around me which keeps me upbeat for myself and the sake of others. I do still crib about my problems though, just to vent out!

5. Do you have any hobbies or passion apart from research?

I like to read fiction, mostly mythology and history. I really love to watch anime and superhero movies. My passion would be coding, I guess. I believe, given enough time and efforts, everything can be solved.

6. Would you like to share any ever-lasting memory associated with the lab?

In my short span of one and half year, I think I have accumulated quite a lot of memories. I distinctly remember Amit Sir pushing me to do better during MPAI and also him spending a lot of time over my First year Open presentation. I remember Asim and Sanket trying to cheer me up whenever I had a scolding and the lab members putting up all the efforts for successful organization of the conferences we arranged and the fun time during our pot-luck parties

However, one particular memory I am really nostalgic about is during Asim encouraging and cheering me over MPAI during his wedding (that too when I hadn't even complained!). It was quite funny and a little amazing (I guess), since it was his wedding and of all the things we could talk about on the stage during his reception (for example, me congratulating him!) he still encourages me to keep going!

### ***Science and Philosophy***

1. In your opinion, what is research?

I guess I am still new to the concept of research, but according to me research would be asking simple but weird questions, finding new ways for discovering answers to these questions and learning a lot of new stuff in the process!

2. Why did you choose to join the Dr. Amit Dutt laboratory for pursuing your Ph.D.?

The time I learnt about Genomics, I instinctually wanted to pursue a career in genomics over proteomics. I still haven't understood the reasons for this choice. Also, apart from learning genomics in Dutt lab, one of the main and important reasons I joined the lab because of my conversation with Amit sir before joining ACTREC. I could relate to what he was saying and I felt like I really wanted to work under him. Another reason for joining the laboratory was that Dutt lab had really cool seniors.

3. What motivated you to take up research as career?

The inquisitiveness and the thrills I get while finding answers to some unanswered question, I guess.

4. What are your future plans?

As I previously said, my future plans have always changed. Right now, my sole plan is to get my PhD and be a person someone could look up to!